

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph on page 12 beginning with: "A QTL analysis...."

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